

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

These remarks are made in response to the Office Action of June 4, 2004 (Office Action). This response is being filed with a petition for a two month retroactive extension of time with the appropriate fee.

Applicant appreciates the telephone interview courteously granted by the Examiner on August 25, 2004. Applicant has amended the claims as discussed with the Examiner. Additionally, Applicant submits herewith a fully executed Combined Declaration for Patent Application and Power of Attorney which addresses the Examiner's objections to the declaration previously submitted.

The primary reference '548 Pizzirusso does not show an adjustable purse holder, as was previously claimed in original claim 3 by Applicant. As discussed, Applicant has added more structure in independent claim 16 and dependent claim 17, highlighting the differences in Pizzirusso and the ability of Applicant's purse holder to be adjustable to accommodate different table configurations.

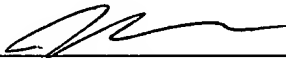
In looking at FIG. 2 of Pizzirusso, the bracket 20 is angled such that the top portion is not horizontal or parallel to the tabletop, thus limiting the positioning to that as shown in FIG. 2. Contrast this to FIG. 3 of the subject Application, and it will be appreciated that the top portion of member 10 prime, i.e., 16 prime can be inserted further into the opening of device 40 or device 40 can be positioned near the tabletop or further in on the table, allowing adjustability for tabletops of different thickness and having other dimensions that would create a desire to have the purse holder positioned differently, i.e., closer to the edge, further from the edge, etc. This flexibility is important in accommodating different types of tables and allows Applicant's device to be successfully used on many tables other than one standard size table.

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The Applicant believes that this application is now in full condition for allowance, which action is respectfully requested. The Applicant requests that the Examiner call the undersigned if clarification is needed on any matter within this Amendment, or if the Examiner believes a telephone interview would expedite the prosecution of the subject application to completion.

Respectfully submitted,

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